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Casino named business of the year

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Canton Chamber of Commerce President, Troy Everett presents Lucky Star Casino-Canton management staff, (l) Gloria Smith and (r) Janet Woods with Business of the Year award.

Canton, Okla.-The Canton Chamber of Commerce announces the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Lucky Star Casino-Canton as their Business of the Year award winner.

The announcement came during the annual Chamber of Commerce awards dinner March 28, 2011 at the First Christian Church in Canton, Okla.

Accepting the award was Lucky Star Casino-Canton General Manager, Gloria Smith, Janet Woods and Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Gov. Janice Boswell.

"This is such an honor to accept this award and work with your community. We are incredibly proud to be a part of the Canton community and be able to operate a casino here," Smith said. "Being named business of the year is an honor and we are grateful to have the opportunity to cater to Canton and pull in business from surrounding communities to boost Canton's economy. We have more machines coming and will be growing even bigger … thank you for supporting our business, our tribes and we enjoy working with you."

The casino was converted from a smoke shop and made into a casino in 2008 Smith said.

"I started the beginning of last year with 86 employees … today we employ over 126 employees and have expanded the building twice. We have made a deli area and a larger area for games," Smith said. "We donate and

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Above-Megan Bell teaches female students how to make hair bows during the afternoon workshops.

Below-Marcus Guinn mixes up tunes for the dance.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

The 2011 Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' R.E.Sp.E.C.T. youth council are l-r: Cara Roman Nose, Nigel Hampton, Anna White Star, Lorina Birdshead, Alaney Karty, Aubrey Karty and Lakota Bear Runner.

Youth of today, leaders of tomorrow

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Cheyenne and Arapaho youth select leaders for the 2011 youth council.

On March 16, 2011 tribal youth gathered for the fourth annual Youth Leadership Forum held at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

"There is a time we all will have barriers we will have to break through," Marcus Guinn, Cloudboy Consulting said. "You are all the future of tomorrow."

Over 100 students ranging from seventh grade to 12th grade attended the forum hosted and organized by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program.

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program (Recreation, Exercise and Sports for the Elders and Children of our Tribes) has implemented a multifaceted program that offers recreation, exercise and sports, but also includes other components, such as wellness, education, and leadership. Building character, citizenship, identity, self-esteem and improving academically are only a few of the aspects the program addresses. The sponsored activities and events also provide opportunities to the youth to become responsible adults and generate unity among tribal members.

The first Cheyenne and Arapaho youth council was formed in 2007 in conjunction with the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY).

"These are leaders of tomorrow … the ones that will continue to grow our tribes in a positive direction," Carrie (K.K.) Whitlow, R.E.Sp.E.C.T., director said. "I encourage all the students to really listen to the speeches given by the candidates who are nominated and to take their responsibility seriously … to nominate and vote for those who will be leaders who they want to represent them."

The 2011 youth council members elected were male co-president, Lakota Bear Runner, female co-president, Aubrey Karty, vice-president, Alaney Karty, secretary, Lorina Birdshead, treasurer, Anna White Star, male national represenative, Nigel Hampton and female national representative, Cara Roman Nose.

"I always thought the enemy of good is bad, but it's not. The enemy of good is best … good isn't good enough and I always thought that being good was the goal, but it's not … we want you all to be the best," Guinn said.

Workshops were conducted throughout the day for the students. Megan Bell held a hands on class on how to make hair bows, Melvin Imotichey taught a leadership class, Mrs. Musaue, Darlington School counselor held a "girl talk" class and Chance Rush along with Marcus Guinn conducted a motivational class on succeeding in life. Dinner was served and a dance was held with Guinn as the D.J.

For more information on the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program or on the youth council call Whitlow at (405) 422-7578.

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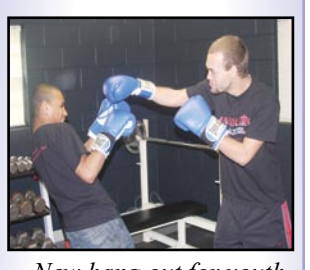

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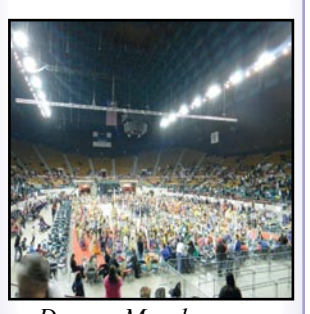

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New hangout for youth in Watonga

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

People oohed and ahhed at the new hang out place called The Spot.

On Mar. 15, 2011 a grand opening ceremony for The Spot was held at 120 West First Street in Watonga, Okla.

"We really appreciate you being here this morning and coming to celebrate this great day," Liz Shumate Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS), state project manager said. "If you see a young person in a spotter shirt… ask them about this journey because without them we would not have this facility or this program."

Keith Goodwin, OKDHS Youth and Family services, said The Spot is a five year demonstration grant for rural areas.

"It is for Blaine county…not just a Watonga thing," Goodwin said.

The grant was established through youth and family services in June 2010."

Goodwin said the Spot is a drop in center for youth to come and get help with their homework, use the computer lab, hang out with friends, under adult supervision, exercise in the fitness room and even meet with a youth and family service counselor.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Diabetes Wellness program donated the exercise equipment for the fitness room.

"We want to encompass and be a part of all communities," Chris Tallbear, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Department of Health deputy director said. "All health programs will be making a presence for the youth at The Spot."

After the ribbon cutting guests gathered inside the building and toured the new facility.

Raquel Callings, OKDHS Youth and Family Services, local coordinator, spoke to the guests inside the brightly colored lounge area of the building.

"The name the Spot was created for the youth of Blaine county," Callings said. "These kids that you see put a lot of hard work into painting, cleaning and decorating ... what you see are all of what the kids put together. They chose where the weight lifting room should be, the computer room, even the furniture you see they picked out."

Sheila Rowan, OKDHS Youth and Family Services, cultural outreach said the kids came up with the name, The Spot.

"It was a choice by the youth who have been involved since the beginning of this grant and came from the concept of spotting someone while they are lifting weights," Rowan said.

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Students, volunteers and staff celebrate the grand opening of The Spot in Watonga, Okla. on March 15, 2011.

Keenen Kearney, seventh grade student at Watonga Public schools is one of the spotters.

"A spotter is a volunteer who is willing to help and guide the kids that are wanting to be involved and be a part of The Spot," Kearney said.

Another young man Cameron Parker; a junior in Watonga Public schools is also a spotter.

"The Spot is the place where the problems stop," Parker said. "We came up with name The Spot … because everyone needs a spotter, a friend and just someone to talk to."

Callings said the Spot would initially be open on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and to look for future events for the youth that will offer opportunities for personal growth in cultural, educational and health areas.

To become a volunteer contact Steve Torres, Blaine County OKDHS, Family and Youth services by email at Steve.Torres @OKDHS.org or call (580) 623-2000.

Mary Larson, Watonga Chamber of Commerce, and Keenen Kearney cut the red ribbon at the opening ceremony for The Spot.

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Child's murder shakes community

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

On March 23, 2011, 8-year-old Rosalin Renee Reynolds was found murdered behind her apartment complex in Watonga, Okla.

According to arrest records, 20-year-old James "Icey" Daukei (Rosalin's cousin) admitted to stabbing Rosalin.

Daukei was found lying next to Rosalin's body in a field behind the apartments where Rosalin lived. Daukei appeared to be digging a shallow grave according to reports. Rosalin's father, Ralph Reynolds and another man, Frank Skinner found Daukei and Rosalin at approximately 5:30 a.m. on March 24, 2011.

Rosalin's mother, Erma Daukei was in shock and disbelief.

She said James had spent the night with her and her family and said she had no idea why he would do such a thing, "I don't know why he would want to harm my child or what happened."

An ongoing investigation revealed Rosalin had died from a stab wound to the chest. No other details of her death have been released.

Rosalin Renee Reynolds

Fund raising efforts by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' began immediately to help raise funds for Rosalin's burial and family.

On March 24, 2011 Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. raised $1,860 by auctioning off a guitar signed by Brett Michaels. At the time of printing, the total amount of funds raised was over $3,000.

Rosalin's funeral was held Thursday, March 31, 2011 in Watonga, Okla.

Serving with honor and courage

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

PFC Zachariah Sampson Rice

Twenty-year old Zachariah (Zach) Sampson Rice, Cheyenne and Cherokee, doesn't fear his imminent deployment to Afghanistan.

"I am not afraid to go, kind of excited really … I know I can be of help over there," Zach said.

Zach is a 2009 graduate of Riverside Indian School and resides in El Reno, Okla. He is the son of Roger Rice and Fanneta White. He has four siblings, Georgia and Frank Black, Elise and Steven Rice.

Zach's dream as far back as he can remember has been to become a doctor. His mother said joining the National Guard has given him the jumpstart on that dream.

"I am going to miss him, but I know God will be with him and that he will come home safe. He wants to become a doctor and this has just helped him to come closer to becoming one," Fanneta said.

Zach completed his basic training at Ft. Benning, Georgia and finished AIT training at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

"It was during my freshmen year in college at the University of Oklahoma (OU) that I decided to join … I guess you can say I just woke up one day and that's what I decided to do," Zach said.

Zach's father, Roger said he didn't "even tell either of us that he was joining."

Roger said he would be stressed over Zach being over in Afghanistan, but "I know he will be serving our country with dignity and respect and I am proud of him."

Zach will train for deployment until the end of May 2011 before being shipped to Afghanistan for his first tour of duty.

"We have to learn what to expect when we get over there and what their customs and such are … for instance hand gestures when you are talking over here may mean something totally different over there and you might offend someone, so we have to learn to not use our hands when talking," Zach said. "Also, being a medic, I would not be able to treat a woman or a child without their father or husband present … they are very protective over their women and children."

Zach has plans to attend LPN school in the future and to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor.

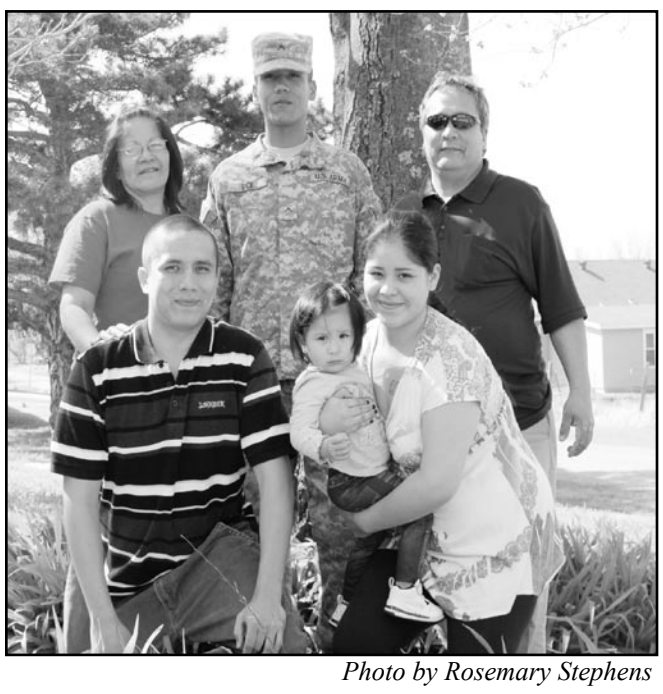
Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Zachariah Rice visits family and friends before being deployed to Afghanistan. Bottom l-r: Steven, Clara and Elise Rice. Top l-r: Fanneta White, Zach Rice and Roger Rice.

Incarcerated inmates receive degrees

Submitted article

Two Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members in the department of corrections will receive their Associates of Arts degrees in May 2011.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Gaming-Higher Education program has funded several incarcerated tribal members who were eligible to enroll in a higher education degree program through a state-funded college. The program has provided tuition and textbook assistance for one or two classes per semester. Once the students have proven they can complete courses, the education department may then assist them with full time costs provided funding is available.

Courtesy photo

From l-r: Larry Yarbrough, Wanda Whiteman and Eugene Stone Road.

Two student inmates at Dick Conner Correctional Center (DCCC) will receive their Associate of Arts degree in Hospitality Operations and Hotel/Restaurant Management through Tulsa Community College.

The students are members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Eugene Stoneroad of El Reno, Okla. and Larry Yarbrough, of Kingfisher, Okla.

I have been invited by the education counselor to attend the Tulsa Community College graduation ceremony for several years now. They put me on the agenda and I spoke at the graduation ceremonies in 2009 and 2010. They have asked me to talk to the graduates again this year. Both years I called the two students up and presented them with certificates of completion for their outstanding academic records and grades. Dick Conner staff appreciate s that our tribe assists our tribal members.

Both years I have attended the ceremony, Larry's mom, Norma Yarbrough has attended. She has taken Larry's two children each time. Eugene's mother, Selene Stoneroad, was at the graduation ceremony last year. They both plan to be there this year. I asked Eugene and Larry if I could send this story to our tribal newspaper and they both said yes and wanted to share their story to inspire other tribal members who may be incarcerated to make something positive out of their incarceration. It hasn't been easy for them but they have been diligent and have applied themselves to their studies.

Yarbrough was named to the President's Honor Roll in Summer 2008 and again in Fall 2008. In 2009 he received an invitation to accept membership in the International Honor Society of the two-year colleges. His membership fees were paid from gaming funds. In the fall of 2010 Larry made a 3.80 GPA while completing 12 credit hours.

Stoneroad made a 4.0 GPA during the Spring 2008 semester while com-

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Tribal Tidbits

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Northern Cheyenne runner carrying the Eagle Staff, along with Carol Whiteskunk and Gertrude Tess fire.

A memorable time spent for spirituality and thoughtfulness for the Sand Creek Massacre. The Descendants still have their traditions of song, stories of oral history, dance, language and families.

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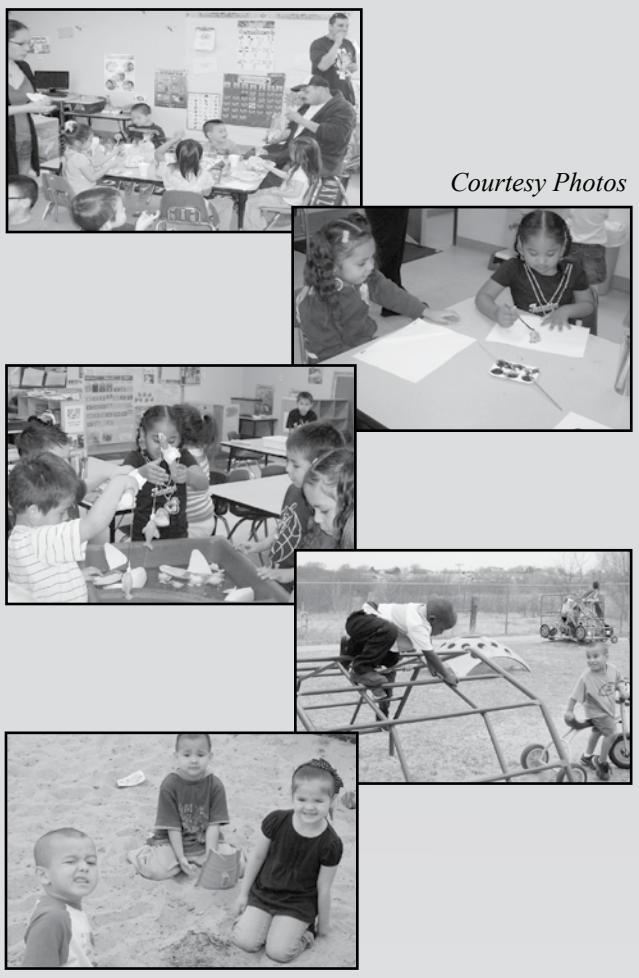

Cheyenne and Arapaho Clinton Head Start parents and children celebrated St. Patricks Day on Mar. 10, 2011.

Both parents and children had snacks, drinks and a little playtime outside with friends.

Courtesy Photo

Andrea and Mickayla Curtis

Andrea and Mickayla Curtis, members of the Cheyenne and Arapho tribes recently tested at the Anadarko Martial Arts school on March 17, 2011 for their fifth Tae Kwon Do form, Palgwe 5.

Congratulations to both students for receiving a stripe on their current blue belt from the head instructor, Cheryl Klinekole.

Kelli Mayo

Peyton Suitor

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

Kelli Mayo 10, and Peyton Suitor 15, are Skating Polly. The duo from Edmond rocked at Redlands Community College on Friday night Mar. 23, 2011 in El Reno Okla.

The bands debut album *Taking over the world* was released November 2010. Since then the girls have made appearances playing their punk style music at different venues such as the Conservatory, the Opolis, the Deluxe India Craft Fair and around Oklahoma City area. Also playing out of state venues such as the the Café Semolino in Hays, Kansas. For a list of upcoming shows visit www.songkick.com.

Inmates receive degrees

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pleting six classes. Again in Spring 2009 he made a 3.25 GPA while completing 12 credit hours. The department of education is proud of the accomplishment these students have made and we congratulate them.

It is the hopes to someday have a re-entry program available for tribal members upon release from incarceration. Many of them have no place to live, no clothes, shoes, food, many don't have family to help them, they're lost and cannot seem to reconnect to society. Many of them eventually resort to recidivism. Through a reentry program they might be able to continue their education.

Note: Whiteman said-Gaming Higher Education funds are made possible through the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (GRAP) and are used to provide supplemental education services that would not be possible through another program.

The monthly Post 401 meeting was held on March 22, 2011 at the Rollin Haag Native American Church building in Concho, Okla.

Thank you to all of the members and guests who attended and to Lucky Star Casino in Concho who provided a delicious meal for the meeting.

There are several important upcoming events which were discussed at the meeting. Post 401 continues to recruit Veterans from all branches of service. The American Legion Women's Auxiliary is also seeking new members to support the American Legion. If you have questions, please contact one of the officers listed.

We would like to thank Elsie at Culture and Heritage, Chris Derenzo, Rachel Island, Phil Marcha and his staff. You all went over and above and thank you!

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, May 14, 2011 The Rolling Thunder and Lucky Star Casino will honor ALL Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans in Concho, Okla.

Thursday, May 26, 2011 Cheyenne and Arapaho Veteran's Memorial to honor all Veterans in Concho, Okla. Concho.

For the first time Indian casinos have a decline in revenue

Associated Press

For the first time revenue has fallen at American Indian gambling casinos nationwide as the recession forces consumers to curtail spending on entertainment.

The Indian Gaming Industry Report this week showed total tribal casino revenue was down 1 percent in 2010 from 2009. In California, where tribal casinos compete with Northern Nevada resorts, revenues fell 5 percent.

The declines from 2009 to 2010, the latest year available, were part of a larger trend influenced by recession, said Alan Meister, the economist who wrote the report.

Nevada gaming experts agreed.

"They live in the same economy as the rest of us. They're riding the same horse we are," said Reno gaming analyst Ken Adams.

"It reflects the continuing issue of recession, and California has been hit pretty dramatically," said Bill Eadington, director of the Institute of Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming at the University of Nevada, Reno.

That includes two tribal casinos in California's Sierra foothills on direct routes to Reno-Tahoe: Thunder Valley off of Interstate 80 and Red Hawk along U.S. Highway 50.

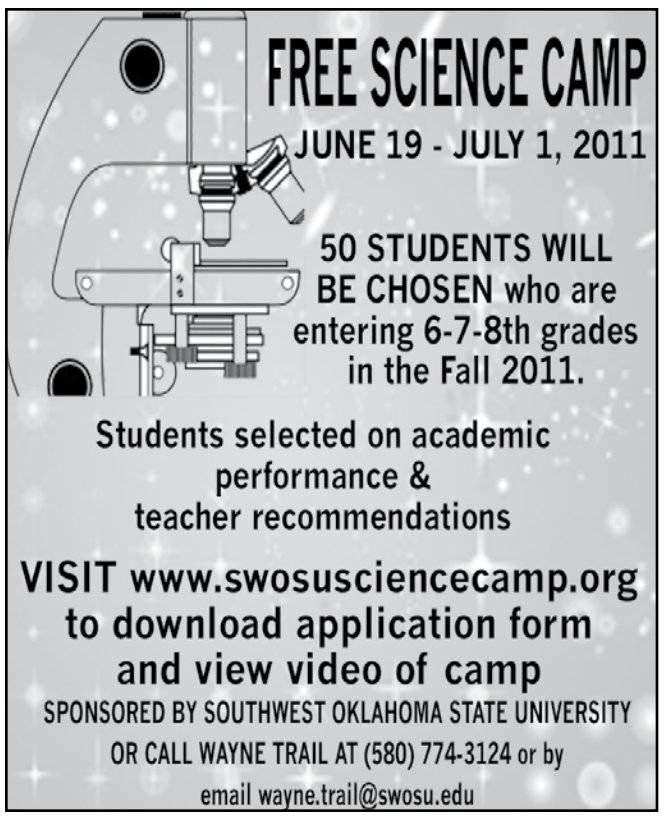
The latest annual figures for Nevada gaming revenues show flat growth statewide in 2010 from 2009, with a 4.3 percent decline in Washoe County and a 6.3 percent drop at Stateline on Lake Tahoe's south shore.

Eadington said the key factor driving down gaming revenue, including tribal casinos, is a continuing decline in home equity values.

"It's had an effect on people's spending patterns," he said. "Gambling comes under discretionary spending, and there's less of it."

Meister's report showed casinos generated about $26.4 billion in 2009 and revenue from food and beverages, lodging, entertainment and shopping declined 4 percent to $3.2 billion in 2010 at the more than 200 Indian tribes that operated nearly 450 casinos in 28 states.

Gambling revenue has declined steadily from 15 percent in 2005, he said. Before the start of the recession, the sagging gambling revenue was due to public policies intended to restrict Indian gambling, such as legislation and regulations, court decisions and tribal-state agreements.



EATING well for DIABETES

By Lyndsay Seawright, MA, RD/LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Why You Should Say NO to the HCG Diet

The hormone HCG seems to be gaining popularity by the minute. We have all heard the claims that it is "the ultimate fat burning tool" and "the cure for obesity." Unfortunately, what we do not hear much about are the health implications that stem from this ridiculous and dangerous diet.

HCG is a naturally occurring hormone in both males and females, but is most identifiable as the hormone responsible for producing the cells that form the placenta during pregnancy. HCG does have an influence on feeding behavior, as it tells part of the brain to mobilize fat stores and bring nutrients into the placenta to help the fetus grow normally. It is this idea that spawned the HCG diet.

The typical protocol for the HCG diet includes either topical or injected HCG hormone paired with a 500 calorie per day diet. The claims surrounding this diet indicate that a 1-3 pound per day weight loss will ultimately result due to the increase in metabolism provided by the increase of HCG in the body. To date, there has been no scientific evidence that HCG increases metabolism. If that were the case, we would see significant weight LOSS in pregnancy instead of the common weight gain. As far as the dramatic weight loss claim with the diet is concerned, it is likely that anyone consuming a mere 500 calorie per day diet would see a weight reduction. Therefore, it is far more likely that 1-3 pounds are lost due to the extreme calorie restriction and not the HCG hormone.

While weight loss is considered a positive effect of the diet, the cons definitely outweigh the pros. Headaches, dizziness, muscle cramps, thinning hair and hair loss are only some of the negative side effects associated with the HCG diet. The strict restriction in calories causes the body to deplete muscle mass to maintain energy, and a number of medical professionals say 500 calories per day is not even enough to maintain proper brain function.

Finally, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) does not support this diet as a safe means of weight reduction. For a number of years the FDA has required any marketing and advertising of this diet to come with following warning: "HCG has not been demonstrated to be effective adjunctive therapy in the treatment of obesity. There is no substantial evidence that it increases weight loss beyond that resulting from calorie restriction, that is causes a more attractive or 'normal' distribution of fat, or that decreases the hunger and discomfort associated with calorie-restricted diets."

It is important to realize that weight loss is not easy, and can not be healthfully achieved with an injection, a pill or a potion. The best way to decrease body weight is to eat the proper portion size of the right foods and participate in physical activity on a regular basis.

For any questions or concerns regarding nutrition, weight management or diabetes please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7688.

Cheyenne-Arapaho Housing Authority Community Meeting Schedule
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
El Reno-Fairgrounds Building 220 N. Country Club

Thursday, April 14, 2011
Watonga~Geary-Watonga Multi Purpose Building

Tuesday, April 19, 2011
Seiling-Seiling Community Center 411 N. Main

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
Clinton-C~A Housing Authority 2100 DogPatch Rd.

Thursday, April 21, 2011
Canton-Canton Community Building N. Garfield

Tuesday, May 3, 2011
Elk City~Hammon-Clarion Inn (former Holiday Inn) 101 Meadow Ridge

Thursday, May 5, 2011
Weatherford~Thomas Pioneer Building 1000 Gartrell

TOPICS INCLUDE: Home Maintenance, Recertifications, Insurance, Housing Policies, MEPA

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HEALTHY BITES Cooking Class

Date of Class: April 8, 2011

Time: 12 Noon

Location: CATI Center Education Bldg. El Reno, Okla.

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The third annual Good Warrior Descendants family reunion

The 3rd Annual Good Warrior Descendants family reunion will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Concho Community Hall in Concho, Okla.

There will be a potluck cookout menu and family and relatives are asked to contact me to let me know what you will bring.

Last year I provided information on the family tree of Good Warrior going back as far as her father and mother and forward with family information up to present day. What I did not get to do was provide information on known extended family, which would be descendants from Good Warrior and her siblings.

Hocheny married Ute Woman and they had three children, Romannose aka George Hocheny, Indian name Tah-Hak, Jesse Good Warrior, and Ready To Sing, all full-blood Arapahos. A fourth child, Lewis Hochney Miller was a half-brother, they had the same father but Lewis' mother was Red Mouth.

Romannose aka George Hocheny married Jennie Coyote and they had one son (so far as I have found), John Hocheny who died in 1902. Jesse GoodWarrior had three marriages and descendants from those families' are as follows (in previous articles I listed marriages, children and grandchildren, but now I am only listing Hocheny and Ute Woman's grandchildren and great grandchildren).

Marriage one to Bear Feathers, Grace Geary aka Lucy Feathers, Anna B. Lefthand Burns.

Marriage two to Medicinebird: Mabel Medicinebird TallBull Horn, Pearl Sleeper, Clarence TallBull, Vivian Redbird, Geraldine Morton, Ella Horn, Maude Harvie, George Horn and Mary Horn; Marriage three to Earl Whiteshirt: John Whiteshirt, John D. Whiteshirt, Jr., Mary Lenna Ross, Robert Neely Littlebird, May Birdshead James, Mary Lou Sankey Blackbear, Wilma Madbull, Theodosia Noline, Jesse Birdshead, Lily Whiteshirt, Marvin Whiteshirt, and Aldean Haskin.

I have found no documentation on sibling three, Ready To Sing.

Sibling four was Lewis Hocheny Miller, who was a half-brother and his mother's name was Red Mouth. Lewis Hocheny Miller's descendants are: Grant Miller, Alberta Christine Miller (who married Troy LittleRaven) and their children, Barbara Beard, Charyl Kay Mackety, Janis Lee Chebahtah, Bonita LittleRaven (died as infant), Kris LittleRaven, Troy LittleRaven, David LittleRaven, Lyle LittleRaven, Al Dennis LittleRaven, Rory Littleraven, Yevone Zarsky.

Children by Grant's third marriage to Mildred Sittingbull: Carol Ann Miller, David Franklin, Donald Clarence, Michael Grant (DOD 8/28/95), and Mitzi Inez Miller, Mary Miller Yellowhair (married Gus Yellowhair), their children Wilma Fletcher, Viola Willey, Andrew Yellowhair and Martin Yellowhair, Scott Miller (died as a child), Inez Hazel Miller (married Fred Harrison), their children Alton Harrison, Sr., Marcus Harrison and Franklin Harrison.

If you see a familiar name and are related to that person, then you are probably a descendant of Good Warrior and we welcome you to attend the reunion.

Last year there were over 125 attendees and this year we expect more. If you have any information to share for my research, I welcome your input. Family and relatives are asked to contact me to let me know what you can bring for the potluck cookout meal. We are also asking each family to bring a door prize for an adult and a child. In addition, we will have tables set up for photos, so bring something to share about your family.

Hope to see you there. Christine Morton, 512 Lynn Drive, El Reno, Okla. 73036 (405) 476-1134.

US Interior Secretary Salazar visiting Oklahoma

ANADARKO, Okla. (AP)-U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar says his visit to Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla. is about expanding quality educational opportunities for American Indian children.

Salazar visited the school Tuesday morning. He and deputy assistant secretary Jodi Gillette toured the school, met with Riverside faculty and students and are took part in a student assembly.

Riverside is the largest off-reservation boarding school in the Federal Bureau of Indian Education system with 540 students from grades 4-12. It was established in the 1870s.

Salazar and federal Bureau of Land Management director Robert Abbey are scheduled to participate in a teleconference later Tuesday at the Federal building in downtown Oklahoma City. The teleconference will focus on energy production and the economic benefits of public lands.

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Picture 1: Chiefs Basketball 7th & 8th grade boys organization of Rural Elementary Schools Regional Champions – Divisions II.

Picture 2: Lady Chiefs Basketball 7th & 8th grade girls Organization of Rural Elementary Schools Regional Champions – Division II.

Picture 3: Lady Chiefs Basketball 7th & 8th grade girls Organization of Rural Elementary Schools Area Consolaion Champtions Division II.

Picture 4: Lady Chiefs Basketball 3rd and 4th grade girls 1st place Maple Tournament.

Picture 5: Shelbie Hulbutta-Organization of Rural Elementary Schools all tournament team of O.R.E.S. Division II State Basketball Tournament.

Picture 6: Gina Musae – Darlington School Counselor Oklahoma Counseling Association "Counselor of the Year for the state of Oklahoma.

Picture 7: Hoop Shoot winners (l-r) Front row Lauren Hamilton, Blaine Fasthorse, Ethan Campbell, Michael Bigfoot and Dariney Slinkey. Back Row-Marcus Blackwolf, Candace Pierson, Zhooni Sherman and Sir Campbell.

Picture 8: Shelby Wehmuller – Art Contest Winner "Keep Our Land Grand" Trash Poster Contest 2011.

Picture 9: Darlington Homecoming Queen Lexus Halfred, King Bryon Elledge, Kindergarten attendants, William Elledge Jr. and Kelci Johnson.

Tribal input essential to planning projects

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Planning and Development office is in the process of completing a Tribal Comprehensive Plan and a Master Plan for a new Justice Center. We request attendance of any tribal member, tribal employee, traditional chiefs and elders for their input in these projects.

We have scheduled a meeting in Concho, Okla. on April 13, 2011 at the Native American Church (NAC) building to present the final products for the Justice Center Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan.

Meeting time is from noon-3 p.m. Come for lunch and stay for the presentations.

Your participation is fundamental to the planning process and the success of these projects.

For more information contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Planning and Development office at (405) 422-7620.

Submit your photo along with the name of your school and degree (if applicable) for the annual Graduation Insert.
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Eligibility Requirements:
3 years old to 5 years old – must be 3 years old by September 1, and turn 5 years old after September 1.

For Application to be processed, the following must be attached:

a) Copy of Child's Birth Certificate
b) Copy of Child's Immunization Record
c) Copy of Child's Social Security Card
d) Copy of Child's Health Insurance card
e) Income Verification
f) If the Child has Special Needs. Documentation Attached.
g) CDIB (If Applicable)

Head Start provides transportation to and from the Head Start Center in a 25 mile radius in service area. Includes Concho, El Reno, Kingfisher, Okarche, Geary and Calumet.

Certified Staff, Age Appropriate Curriculum, Certified CDL Bus Drivers, Nutritious Meals-Breakfast and Lunch, Cultural Activities and Field Trips.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Program follows Federal Guidelines and local Department of Human Services requirements. The Head Start Program does not discriminate against: Race, Color, Sex, National Origin or Disabilities.

For enrollment packet or more information call Leanna Balbuena, Center Supervisor or Rachel Morales, Family Services Coordinator at (405) 422-7647 or (405) 422-7645.

Business of the year award

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support the Canton Public School system to help fulfill the children's needs as well as the community as a whole."

Gov. Boswell expressed her gratitude to the employees of Lucky Star Casino and the Canton Chamber.

"I just want to thank everybody for giving us this opportunity to be business of the year. I am very proud of our employees and we are very proud of the management team that leads the casino here in Canton," Gov. Boswell said.

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is a 50-member chamber made up of businesses and individuals. The entire members vote on the four awards presented each year. They are the farmer of the year, organization of the year, business of the year and citizen of the year.

"The decision on who wins each award is based on what they have contributed to the community. The casino is our largest employer and if anyone is in need of help they are always there to assist," Troy Everett, Canton Chamber of Commerce, president said. "They are a good contributor financially to this community and donate regularly to our community activities, organizations and children's activities."

Everett said the fourth of July show the casino puts on is the largest in the county.

"It draws people to the lake and they will spend three or more nights here, go into town and spend money with our local businesses. The city has seen a growth in our population since the casino opened three years ago," Everett said.

Other awards winners included Lynn Sanderson, farmer of the year, Beth Siefried, citizen of the year and Joyce Robinson accepted the organization of the year award for Canton Women's Aid services.

Gloria Smith thanks the community of Canton for the Business of the Year award.

American Indian youth, the silent problem

By Matt Volz, Associated Press

According to Indian Health Services (IHS), Native Americans ages 10 to 24 killed themselves at more than twice the rate of similarly aged whites. Suicide is the second-leading cause of death behind unintentional injuries among Indian children and young adults and is on the rise, according to the IHS.

Courtesy photo

Darrell Follette, left, and Ida Follette recount the day of their daughter Chelle Rose Follette's suicide during an interview in their home

on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Poplar, Montana.

POPLAR, Montana, United States (AP) — Chelle Rose Follette fashioned a noose with her pajamas, tying one end to a closet rod and the other around her neck. When her mother entered the bedroom to put away laundry, she found the 13-year-old hanging.

Ida Follette screamed for her husband, Darrell.

He lifted his child's body, rushed her to the bed and tried to bring her back.

"She was so light, she was so light. And I put her down. I said, 'No, Chelle!'"

But the time had passed for CPR, he said, his voice fading with still raw grief. His wife sat next to him on the couch, sobbing at the retelling.

Here on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, a spasm of youth suicides had caused alarm and confusion even before Chelle's death.The Follettes had talked with her about other local children who had killed themselves. She had assured her parents that they need not worry about her.

"She always promised that," said Ida as the half-light of the winter afternoon created shadows in the sparsely furnished home. "She said, 'What's going on with these kids, are they stupid or what?'"

Earlier that day last April, Chelle and a friend got drunk after school. Police later told her parents that her blood-alcohol content was .217, nearly three times the legal limit.

Chelle argued with her parents when she came home. They ordered her to lie down, to cool off, to sober up.

The Follettes say Chelle was a happy teen who had been looking forward to her 14th birthday the following week. They believe she was just trying to scare them after their argument, but that in her intoxicated state it became a horrible accident.

"I know in my heart she's in heaven," Ida Follette said, burying her face in her hands. "She didn't mean to do it. I know she didn't kill herself."

But that's how the coroner listed Chelle's death. What he and other authorities examining the suicide outbreak among Native American children cannot easily answer is: Why?

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death behind unintentional injuries among Indian children and young adults, and is on the rise, according to the Indian Health Service. Native Americans ages 10 to 24 killed themselves at more than twice the rate of similarly aged whites, according to the most recent data available from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

On the Fort Peck reservation, five children killed themselves during the 2009-2010 school year at Poplar Middle School – enrollment about 160 – and 20 more of the 7th and 8th graders tried. In the current school year, two young adults have committed suicide, though none at Poplar Middle School.

Emergency teams from the US Public Health Service descended upon Fort Peck last June after Sioux and Assiniboine leaders declared a crisis. The teams provided counseling and mental health services to assist the overworked counselors and strained resources of the reservation.

No suicides were recorded during the 90-day deployment of the federal health team. When they packed their bags in October and left a detailed report with a dozen recommendations, the Indian Health Service declared the crisis had passed – a view repeated to The Associated Press last month by IHS behavioral health director Dr. Rose Weahkee.

Native Business: Tips for economic expansion

By Jim Stanley, Contributing writer

Tribal economies are transitioning from natural resource base to diverse commercial enterprises. I have a tip for sustainable economic growth -know the critical mass of your economy.

Knowing the critical mass of a tribal economy is paramount because when acquiring a new venture the tribe must be able to determine the appropriate range in size of purchase. A venture too big may have the potential to jeopardize the existing portfolio of companies because the cost of mitigating a problem(s) will require cash or manpower so large that it brings material harm to the overall operation. A venture too small or without enough profit potential could stagnate growth if there is inferior return on resources (people, property, and cash). This should not be confused with starting small with the intent and timeline to grow to material size or incubating a business to nurture entrepreneurial activity of tribal members. A venture the correct size will allow a tribal nation to manage their risk and promote stable long term growth.

Here is a simplified illustration of why acquisition size is important: A tribe owns a convenience store that has a gross income of $5 million which produces a 5 percent profit at the end of the year ($250,000). This store is their only for-profit entity and they rely on it for jobs and to build cash in their bank account. They decide to purchase a trucking company for $5 million which has the same gross revenue as their C-store but produces a 15 percent profit at year end ($750,000).

The tribe likes the fact that the new portfolio of companies will double their businesses and quadruple profit. They put down 20 percent of the purchase price ($1 million) which is most of their cash, retain trucking management, and finance the remaining $4 million; creating an annual debt service payment of $540,000. The trucking company loan is fully amortized and will be paid off at the end of ten years. The tribe looks to be in good financial position. Historical income for the trucking company, $750,000, covers the $540,000 annual debt payment leaving $210,000 in yearend profit. Then something happens, the economy crashes. The actual earnings decrease from 15 percent to 6 percent ($300,000). This is $240,000 short of the annual debt service needed to pay down the note for the purchase of the company. The tribe allocates dollars from their convenience store to pay trucking company debt. The $250,000 they usually make is now reduced by $240,000 which leaves only $10,000 in the bank for the year's activity. There is not much room for anything to go wrong because cash reserves are low. The tribe has lived through one year of trucking company ownership but what happens if the economy does not come back and something breaks in either business? It would be difficult to consolidate trucking company management since the tribe's experience is primarily in convenience store operations. Tribal management is hopeful things will improve but hope is not a management strategy.

Whether you are a tribe or an individual, here are three things you can do to avoid the pitfalls of new business ownership: One, don't pay too much at the beginning. Ask around and get good advice on valuation. Two, get the seller to carry part of the loan (if it is a purchase) –a seller that is still on the hook to be repaid is likely to contribute when times get tough or else risk losing their payback. Three, run through worst case scenario and ask yourself how long you could keep the doors open if the business has its worst year(s) ever following your purchase- if the answer is "not too long" then maybe you should look for a smaller deal.

Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation,Vice president of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber.

He is a professional banker and freely shares his knowledge and resources with you, his cousin, for your economic benefit.

To contact Stanley email sovereigndevelopment@hotmail.com.

The Domestic Violence program services Canadian, Kingfisher, Blaine, Dewey, Custer, Washita, Beckham and Roger Mills counties.

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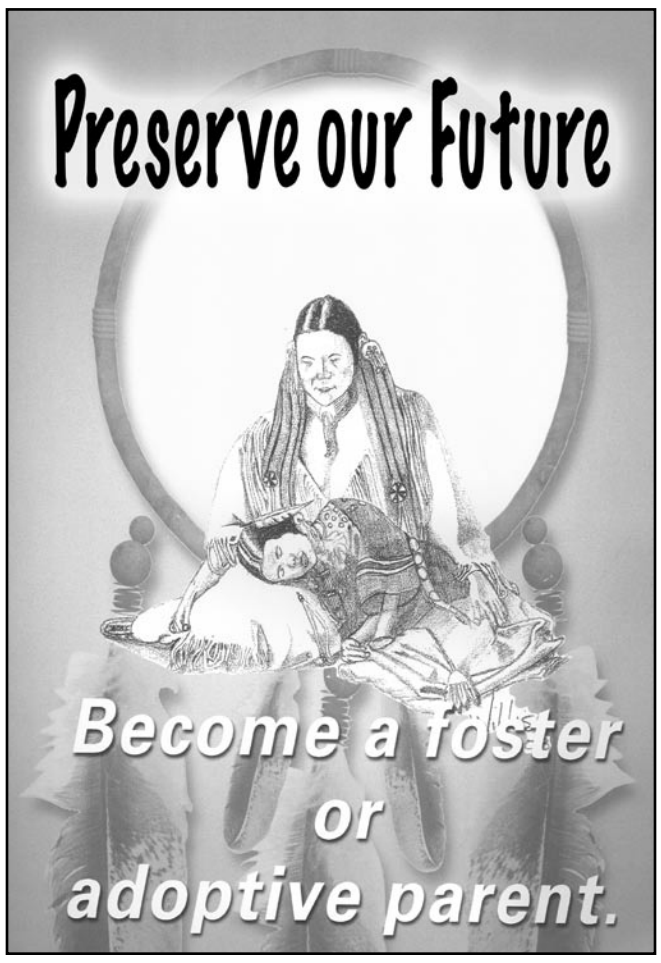

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Spring cleaning is in the air, Tribal 2011 Earth day activities

Submitted article

In previous years the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) office has held several trash off collection events for the Concho community and surrounding communities in conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) Annual State Trash Off, the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) and the Great American Cleanup (GAC) events in honor of Earth Day.

Earth Day is recognized as a global day designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment. With the generous donations and assistance from following collaborating entities the trash-off has been an accomplished success.

Mother Earth, C&A TEPA, TERB and the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes would like to commend and thank everyone for their participation in the 2010 Earth Day event and we look forward to the April 2011 Earth Day events. Many ha-ho's go out to all tribal/community members and employees who voluntarily participated their time and effort. The GAC/KAB/KOB and staff for the national and state sponsorship support, workshops, drinking water, banner advertisements and trash bags. El Reno's Oklahoma Environmental Management Authority (OEMA) David Griesel, who donated delivery, pickup and disposal of solid waste collected in four 30yd2 roll-off dumpsters, reusable shopping bags and recycling services. The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Diabetes Wellness program staff who donated and prepared Buffalo burgers for the participants, the R.E.Sp. E.C.T. program for the use of their outdoor grill, the Roads Construction program for their construction yard and roads building use, the Planning Department staff for their assistance, the Economic Development program who showed their support by supplying the backhoe and heavy equipment operator and made available HazMat workers and laborers to assist with the work. The Elder Care program and the O&M department for their labor force, LuckyStar Casino-Concho staff for the commemorative t-shirts and bottled drinking water, Feather Warrior Casino-Watonga staff for their monetary donation and door prizes, NationWide Oil Co. for their recycling services, delivery and pick up of oil/antifreeze containers, the Tribal Executive Branch and Department of Administration staff for their support and consideration of two hours administration leave granted to participating employees and any and all others. If we forget to mention everyone, just know all of your assistance is greatly appreciated.

By participating in 2010 it was a great honor for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes to be nominated for the State 'KOB' Environmental Excellence Competition out of 15 categories as a finalist in "Best ODOT Trash-off" category. On Nov.16, 2010 at the 20th annual Environmental Excellence Award Celebration held at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in Oklahoma City. All finalists were honored and the winners announced. Winning first place was the First National Bank & Trust located in Okmulgee, Okla. Other finalists in the category included Clearlake OHCE, Beaver and Lake Overholser/Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge Cleanup, in Oklahoma City.

The tribes 2010 Earth Day event collected household solid waste, 350 lbs. of metal, 17 lbs. of recyclable plastic, 18 used tires, seven refrigerators, eight TVs, nine washers and dryers, seven air conditioning units, 12 pieces of household furniture, five mattresses, two water heaters, four microwaves, which filled four 30yd2 roll-off dumpsters within two hours for a combined weight of 18,000 pounds.

With such an exceptional community response last year, this year's Earth Day activities, the Tribal EPA hopes to hold one-day Trash-Off events in the communities of Hammon and Seiling, Okla. (See flyer for more information.) Notification of locations and dates for the events will be posted in advance for the communities. Interested individuals will be able to prepare to help facilitate the voluntary participation from local, city, rural community members, tribal members and tribal employees.

Submitted photo

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal employees and members gear up for Earth Day 2010.

Earth Day is commemorated on April 22nd each year but we can work together and assist to make everyday Earth Day.

If you would like more information on this event, would like to assist or donate in any way or for questions, comments or suggestions drop by the TEPA Concho office at 700 Black Kettle Blvd. building one (Old Agency bldg.) across from the Tribal Courthouse or contact the Tribal EPA office at (800) 247-4612 ext. 27654, 27656, 27650 or 27404.

The creation of Earth Day

By Sen. Gaylord Nelson, Founder of Earth Day

What was the purpose of Earth Day? How did it start? These are the questions I am most frequently asked.

Actually, the idea for Earth Day evolved over a period of seven years starting in 1962. For several years, it had been troubling me that the state of our environment was simply a non-issue in the politics of the country. Finally, in November 1962, an idea occurred to me that was, I thought, a virtual cinch to put the environment into the political "limelight" once and for all. The idea was to persuade President Kennedy to give visibility to this issue by going on a national conservation tour. I flew to Washington to discuss the proposal with Attorney General Robert Kennedy, who liked the idea. So did the President. The President began his five-day, eleven-state conservation tour in September 1963.

For many reasons the tour did not succeed in putting the issue onto the national political agenda. However, it was the germ of the idea that ultimately flowered into Earth Day.

I continued to speak on environmental issues to a variety of audiences in some twenty-five states. All across the country, evidence of environmental degradation was appearing everywhere and everyone noticed except the political establishment. The environmental issue simply was not to be found on the nation's political agenda. The people were concerned, but the politicians were not.

After President Kennedy's tour, I still hoped for some idea that would thrust the environment into the political mainstream. Six years would pass before the idea that became Earth Day occurred to me while on a conservation speaking tour out west in the summer of 1969. At the time, anti-Vietnam War demonstrations, called "teach-ins," had spread to college campuses all across the nation. Suddenly, the idea occurred to me, why not organize a huge grassroots protest over what was happening to our environment? I was satisfied that if we could tap into the environmental concerns of the general public and infuse the student anti-war energy into the environmental cause, we could generate a demonstration that would force this issue onto the political agenda. It was a big gamble, but worth a try.

At a conference in Seattle in September 1969, I announced that in the spring of 1970 there would be a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment and invited everyone to participate. The wire services carried the story from coast to coast. The response was electric. It took off like gangbusters. Telegrams, letters, and telephone inquiries poured in from all across the country. The American people finally had a forum to express its concern about what was happening to the land, rivers, lakes, air and they did so with spectacular exuberance.

For the next four months, two members of my Senate staff, Linda Billings and John Heritage, managed Earth Day affairs out of my senate office.

Five months before Earth Day, on Sunday, Nov. 30, 1969,

*See **Earth day**, page 10*

Beef Empanadas (Meat Pie)
Cooking with USDA Foods

Recipes furnished by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program

2 lbs ground beef
2 cups chopped onions
1 cup chopped green pepper
2 cans diced tomatoes (don't drain)
½ tsp salt
1 tsp cumin
1 tsp mild paprika
1 Tbsp oregano

Dough: 2 boxes pie crust dough, or 2 pizza crust dough, OR your own dough recipe.

Instructions:

Brown the ground beef with onion and green pepper until it no longer pink. Drain grease. Add the diced tomatoes, salt, and spice and let simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let sit for 15-20 minutes to allow the flavors to blend.

Preheat oven to 400-425°F.

To assemble the empanadas:

1. Lay dough on a flat surface and cut in approximately 6"x 4" rectangles. Put 2 Tbsp of filling in the center of each pastry piece.

2. Fold dough over the filling and make the edges of the pastry meet.

3. Press the edges with a fork to seal them- very important to prevent your filling leaking out.

4. Place each empanada on a baking sheet previously sprayed with non-stick spray and keep them covered with a towel until ready to bake. Bake for 10 minutes or until golden brown, depending on what type dough you use.

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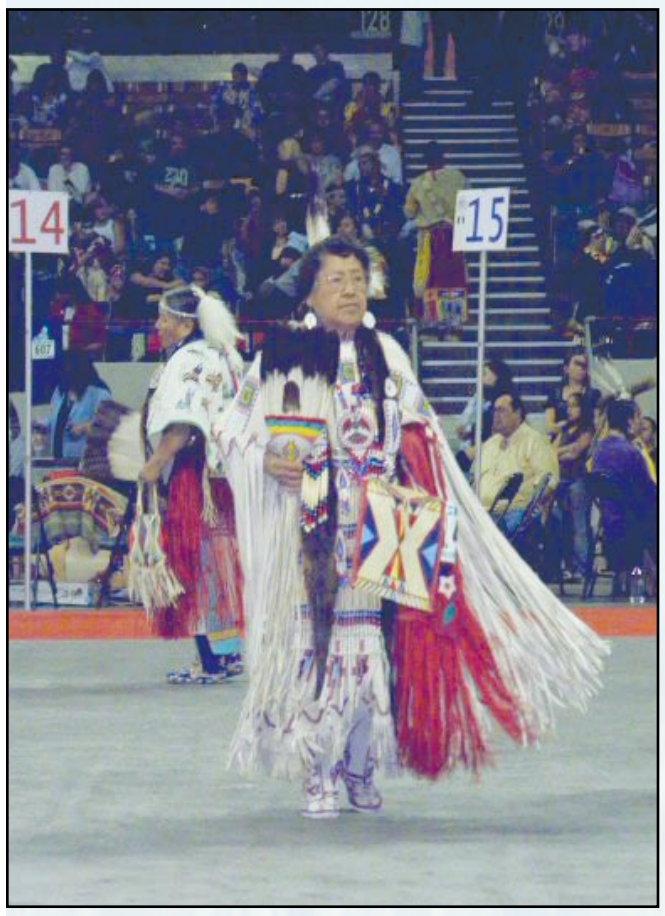
DENVER MARCH

Talent and diversity exhibited by Tribal members

By Montoya A. Whiteman, Contributing writer

Photos by Paul Hart

The Red Moon Drum group from Oklahoma.



Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal elder, Virginia All Runner.

The 37th Annual Denver March Powwow was held on March 18-20, 2011 in Denver, Colo. This year's celebration was not about attendance numbers but more about substance in the events, vendors, dancers, drummers and visitors. In the past participants have had to wrestle through busy crowds to see arts and crafts or labor to find a seat to watch the dancers. The wait in the food line on the lower level seemed endless for the flavorful Indian taco.

The economy has had a significant impact on virtually every consumer in the country. Disposable income to cover living expenses is shrinking. In such cases, many are bypassing luxury items or vacations. In spite of the economy people traveled to Denver to experience this annual event that marks the beginning of spring and launches the powwow season across the Nation.

This year, many Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members participated in the powwow from dancers to drummers, storytellers to elders and princesses to photographers. People ventured from the four directions to enjoy the events that the Denver March powwow offers.

Every hour on the hour throughout the three-day powwow, Phillip Whiteman, Jr. from Lame Deer, Montana shared his stories and flute-playing with several hundred powwow visitors.

One story he shared was about the flute and the woodpecker. The woodpecker was crying because he could not sing like other birds. All he could do was put holes in trees, but when he was given a stick he put holes in the stick so that when the wind blew through it, it made beautiful music. The holes in the stick represent the four directions, the four elements, the moon and the Creator. The moral of the story is that each one of us is special with our own purpose. The gift of purpose and reason comes from the Creator.

An accomplished storyteller, horseman, entrepreneur, singer and drummer, Whiteman is highly acquainted with the Denver March powwow. He is an award winning grass dancer and has served as head northern judge. This year he was asked by the planning committee to share Cheyenne Creation stories with visitors.

"Storytelling stimulates all the senses. It encourages. It comforts," Whiteman said, "People today are afraid. They want some connection and reassurance because of the global change that is happening worldwide like in Iraq, Libya, and the recent Pacific Tsunami," The stories he shares are ancient and the messages lie within Cheyenne teachings.

Whiteman traveled to Denver with his family and his drum group called the Lame Deer Singers. On Saturday, March 19, his group sang a flag song at the Grand Entry. Later, they sang a Victory Song and Memorial Song in honor of Lance Allrunner who was the master of ceremony at the powwow for many years until his sudden passing in 2010.

Allrunner was a northern traditional dancer, and at the request of the Allrunner-Birdshead-Wildcat families, the Lame Deer Singers sang a special contest song. Whiteman said this moment was significant for him because his father, Phillip Whiteman, Sr., had passed away in 2007, and this was the first time that he had returned to Denver with his father's drum and sang his father's songs.

Whiteman is fulfilling the role of his father who was a Council of 44 Peace Chief. He said it is his responsibility to assume that role. He also keeps busy in his work with youth, horse demonstrations and motivational speaking. He was recently featured in the April 2011 Cowboys and Indians Magazine. You can learn more about Whiteman at www.medicinewheelmodel.com.

For 22 years Virginia Allrunner has been attending the Denver March powwow with her family. Fluent in the Cheyenne language, Virginia has seen her share of powwows, contests and giveaways. When she attends the Denver March powwow she sees many of her friends and relatives from all over the country.

Retired after 18 years from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia now lives in Lakewood, Colorado. She takes her grandchildren to local powwows, but she said the Denver March is the highlight of her year. Her granddaughter Carla Birdshead was the 2004 Denver March Powwow Princess. Another granddaughter, Cheyenne Birdshead is a jingle dress dancer who placed fourth in the junior girls division at this year's powwow.

This year's powwow was bittersweet to Virginia. She is extremely grateful to the Cheyenne and Arapaho elders who traveled by bus to this year's powwow and who supported the family during her nephew, Lance Allrunner's Memorial Dance. The outpouring of support from her Cheyenne and Arapaho friends and relatives overwhelmed Virginia.

Another touching moment for Virgina was the opportunity to visit with sisters, Louise Fisher and Maretha Charette from Lame Deer, Montana. Cultural connections run deep between the Northern and Southern Cheyenne. We are Tsistsistas despite the miles that lie between our communities.

As the powwow was nearing its end, these friends did not want the laughter to stop, but a good closer was the chance to cheer Virginia on when her name was called to accept her fourth place award in the Women's Golden Age dance category.

Weekly drum practice is a singing fellowship for Kendall Kauly and his 13 friends who formed the group Red Moon from Hammon, Okla. Kendall said he started singing as a young boy when he attended handgames with his parents, Kenneth and Arlene Kauly.

In 2008 Kendall transitioned to the powwow scene and he hasn't looked back. Kendall's musical repertoire includes sun dance songs, war dance songs, gourd dance songs, honor songs, Veterans songs and hand game songs.

Although this was his second time at the Denver March powwow, Kendall was singing with other experienced singers and drummers from across the country. In Oklahoma, Kendall is usually a head singer at benefit powwows or bigger powwows. He said he tries to hit-up all the powwows he can and the Gathering of Nations is next.

When asked about the development of a song, Kendall said, "The creation of a song develops from certain feelings and memories. The drum brings it out. If you treat the drum well it will come out for you. The drum has spirits that help you."

Kendall said there is a connection between the drummer and the dancer. He said, "You feed off the dancers. It makes you feel good. When you see them dancing hard, you sing hard."

Montoya Whiteman is a freelance photojournalist who lives in Colorado and is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

In Oklahoma, singing practice is a social interaction for the Red Moon group. They sing for the love of it. They're being productive instead of unproductive. Sometimes they sing in Kendall's living room or in a community hall.

Kendall said he doesn't like to brag. Featuring his talent and commitment to drumming and singing in this story is a pleasure. He lives and breathes his craft and all he listens to is powwow music. A friendly demeanor and positive attitude is refreshing to see among Kendall and his peers of 20 year-olds. They're the future of Native Oklahoma music. Keep singing boys!

Descendant of Sharp Nose

On the last day of the Denver March Powwow a new princess was crowned named Mikala Sun Rhodes from Ethete, Wyoming. She is the daughter of Virgil and Rose Sun Rhodes.

A junior at the Wyoming Indian High School, Mikala is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho tribe. Sixteen years young, Mikala is a descendant of Sharp Nose who was a chief of the Northern Arapaho. In 1877 Sharp Nose went on a delegation to Washington, D.C. to negotiate a settlement for the Arapahos on the Shoshone Reservation in Wyoming, which exists today.

Mikala has been attending powwows her entire lift starting as a tiny tot dancer. She was a former powwow princess for the University of Wyoming Keepers of the Fire. During the next year, she will travel to powwows across the country as a representative of the Denver March powwow.

"It's a really big honor. I'm speechless. I'm so happy. I'm overwhelmed," Mikala said.

Then Mikala was quick to extend an invite to the readers to attend the Native American Celebration in Ethete, Wyoming on July 22-24, 2011.

In the last hours of the Denver March powwow awards were given to dancers from the United States and Canada. Among the winners were Dwight White Buffalo, Virginia Birdshead, Cheyenne Birdshead and Jandra Levi. Congratulations to all!

Mark your calendar to attend the 38th annual Denver March powwow on March 23-25, 2012 in Denver, Colo.

Tribal elders travel to Denver powwow

Submitted article

During a recent Elders Day out event, several elders made a request to Gov. Janice Boswell about an elder's trip to the Denver March powwow in Denver, Colo. Gov. Boswell assigned this task to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Department of Administration staff.

Photos by Virgil Franklin

Left: Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal elders enjoy authentic Native American food at the Tocabe Restaurant. Right: The 37th annual Denver March powwow Grand Entry in Denver, Colo.

On March 17, 2011, 67 elders and ten chaperones loaded two chartered buses at numerous locations throughout the service area of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

The group arrived at the Marriot Hotel in Denver on Thursday, March 17, 2011 and were greeted with a gentle blanket of snow flurries, however it did not damper the excitement of the elders. The Marriot Hotel was very accommodating to all the elders. They served a full breakfast every morning and the elders reported very comfortable beds.

The next day, March 18, elders enjoyed a day of powwow and vendor booths at the Denver March powwow. The group was also taken to an authentic Native American restaurant, *Tocabe*, which featured corn soup, frybread and other numerous Native foods.

During the powwow the Cheyenne and Arapaho elders were introduced several times. During the Grand Entry the elders took note of the many Tribal members taking part, such as Elana Nells in the Buckskin category, Janet Bullcoming, in the Cloth category, Jandra Levi, Girls Jingle Dress. Also there was Glorietta and Flair Popetsaitke. Flair was honored with a Special Contest for boys Fancy War Dance. Also honored was Lee Hamilton with a Special Contest for boys Fancy War Dance. Numerous other tribal members were in their colorful regalia and the elders beamed with pride as they recognized each one.

The elders were taken to the Aquarium Restaurant, Golden Corral and some experienced the Casinos of Blackhawk, Colo. They also each received a t-shirt from the Denver March powwow

The elders expressed their gratitude towards the Tribes and to Gov. Boswell for making their trip possible and for being treated so special.

The trip was sponsored by donations from the following Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal programs, R.E.Sp.E.C.T., Culture and Heritage, Elder Care and Lucky Star Casino. The elders said they would like to thank the chaperones for the excellent assistance and care that was provided to them on the trip.

Note: This Cheyenne and Arapaho elder's event is an allowable expense under the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (GRAP).

POWWOW NEWS

Tribal member hosts special at Denver March powwow

Submitted article

Photo by Shannan Beaver

Flair Popetsaitke enjoys the Denver March powwow with family and friends.

Flair Popetsaitke, 7 years old, sponsored a special Tiny Tot boys contest at the 2011 Denver March powwow held March 18-20, 2011 in Denver, Colo.

Popetsaitke is a member of the Cheyenne-Kiowa tribes and said he is extremely proud of his heritage. He lived in Oklahoma until last summer when he moved to the Crow Agency in Montana.

Popetsaitke is a Fancy Dancer and has won many contests around the state of Oklahoma and in Montana as well. He loves to skate, play games on his X-Box and perform traditional dances at powwows.

Popetsaitke will be leaving the Tiny Tots division and joining the Junior division at powwows.

Popetsaitke's contest will paid out $300 dollars for first place, $200 for second place, $100 for third place and $50 for fourth place. A jacket and Pendelton blanket went to the first place winner.

His father, Dennis Popetsaitke as well as his grandparents, Mary Beaver and Allen Sutton and special "mom" Shannon said they are very proud of Flair and his accomplishments at his young age.

Popetsaitke placed third in Kayce Hamilton's Iron Boy Fancy Dance contest and fifth in the regular Junior Boy's Fancy Dance contest. He was the youngest contestant in both contests.

The family wishes to thank Karen Little Coyote, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe's Culture and Heritage Cheyenne director, for the gift bags. They were donated to the Denver March powwow committee.

Tribal member takes first place in junior girls Jingle category

Submitted article

Photo by Christine Levi

Jandra Levi and Isaiah Tall Bear share some special moments in between dance contests.

Congratulations to Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Jandra Levi, for again taking first place in the Junior Girls Jingle category at the Denver March powwow held March, 18-20, 2011in Denver, Colo.

This was her last year to dance in the Jr. Girls category and has won first place three out of the last four years participating in the Denver March powwow. She also dances in the Teen Girls division at many other powwows and wins on a consistent basis.

Levi is also an honor roll student, plays basketball (three different teams, Oklahoma Select 99's, El Reno Heatboys team and RESpECT girl's team), softball and runs a 5:17/min mile. She has been named to all-tourney teams, given hustle awards and to the All Star Team. She was also selected to play in the All Star Game at the Pat Summitt/Lady Vols basketball camp last summer, where she led her team to the win and also led all scorers during the game.

Levi's family said they are extremely proud of her and all of her accomplishments. Her family would like to thank all the people who had kind words to say to her win again this year. It is an honor and blessing for her to represent her family, friends and tribe whether it is on the court, field or dance arena.

Northern Cheyenne horseman featured in *Cowboys & Indians* magazine

By Ernestine Chasing Hawk, Native Sun News

LAME DEER, Mont. - Northern Cheyenne Horseman Phillip Whiteman, Jr. appears in the April issue of Cowboys & Indians Magazine. Whiteman has developed a unique approach to equine management which he calls the Medicine Wheel Model to Natural Horsemanship, a holistic wellness model that works with the spirit of horse and human to interpret the true language of the horse.

"The Medicine Wheel uses a mirror concept: What you put out comes back. What we do affects those around us; awareness of this leads to better communication and understanding. The Medicine Wheel is the original map of life and helps us reconnect with ourselves, mind, heart, and body," Whiteman teaches.

Whiteman in partnership with his wife, Lynette Two Bulls, Oglala Lakota, has now developed a Medicine Wheel Model Certification program. The couple conducted their first Medicine Wheel Model Level I Certification Training in October of 2010 in Rapid City with twenty participants.

"The MWM is not just about communicating with horses; it's a holistic wellness model that works with the mind, body and spirit of people and it connects the spirit of horse and human," Two Bulls said. The couple was able to trademark and copyright their Medicine Wheel concept of Natural Horsemanship through a Cultural Capital and Artist in Business Leadership First Peoples Fund grant. The fund also enabled them to produce a DVD of their teaching model titled "The Medicine Wheel Model" which promotes the understanding of "how we are all connected and part of the circle of life."

"First Peoples helped me be able to maintain this indigenous teaching and now reinterpret it and reintroduce it in a way that is nonthreatening to not only horse people but to people of all colors and ages," Whiteman tells Cowboys & Indians writer Dawn Faught."They helped me look at this as a business person and not just as an artist and exposed me to more opportunities."

The First Peoples Fund, a 501c3 charitable organization, is operated through contributions from national foundations such as the Ford Foundation, Archibald Bush Foundation, McKnight Foundation, and Open Society Foundations, along with community foundations and donors.

Whiteman whose Indian name is "Yellow Bird" is a member of the Northern Cheyenne of Lame Deer, Montana and is a Nationally Renowned Horseman, Cultural Consultant, Performing Artist and International Presenter. He is a member of the Northern Cheyenne Chief Council of forty-four. He is also a champion grass dancer, known for dancing the"old style" of grass dancing has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe performing and sharing his knowledge and talents with people of all ages and from all walks of life.

He self produced an award winning CD "Spirit Seeker" which includes traditional stories and songs which he performed at the inauguration of President Bill Clinton and on Broadway in New York City. He was inducted into the All Indian Hall of Fame. In addition to being profiled in the April 2011 issue of Cowboys & Indians Magazine as a First Peoples Fund Fellow he has also been featured in the Western Horseman Magazine numerous times. Most notably, Whiteman opened the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Lexington Kentucky that was aired on NBC network with a viewing audience of 46 million.

He was a keynote speaker for the EGEA International Horse Conference, and was a guest for a second time on the 2010 PRCA NFR talk show "Outside the Barrel" with Flint Rassmussen in Las Vegas Nevada, which aired on ESPN network.

Courtesy photo

Cheyenne tribal member, horseman Pillip Whiteman, Jr.

Whiteman is not only an accomplished horseman and artist he also continues to give back to his community by being involved in many youth activities. He is the President of Yellow Bird, Inc. a nonprofit dedicated to empowering native youth. Whiteman is also the founder of the Fort Robinson Outbreak Spiritual 400 Run, which helps Northern Cheyenne youth address the issues of historical trauma. Whiteman credits his parents; the late Phillip Whiteman Sr., and his mother, the late Florence Bites-Whiteman, a "Warrior Woman" of the Elk Scraper Society for his many accomplishments.

"Since the horse is a right brain circular thinker, it sees and understands things in its silent language. Native people are right brain circular thinkers as well. As a society we have lost that connection, the Medicine Wheel Model certification program will help reconnect and remind us. This workshop will address ways in which the horse can be a tool to heal our youth, families and communities and help create balance where there is unbalance," Whiteman said.

The next certification trainings will be held in Lame Deer, Montana on June 15, 16, 2011, July 12-14, 2011 August 17-19, 2011, Sept. 14-16, 2011and will all culminate with the third annual Healing the Sacred Child Workshop in Rapid City, S.D. in October of 2011. Those who may be interested in implementing an Equine based therapy program that is Native American traditionally based, and people that work with children, families and horses can become certified might include program directors, justice system, Tribal Council, colleges, social workers, providers, school administrators and counselors, teachers, parents, youth, equine therapists, etc.

For more information on Phillip Whiteman, Jr. Medicine Wheel Model go to website www.medicinewheelmodel.com or email at spiritseeker@rangeweb.net or call (406) 477-8781.

Earth day

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The New York Times carried a lengthy article by Gladwin Hill reporting on the astonishing proliferation of environmental events.

"Rising concern about the environmental crisis is sweeping the nation's campuses with an intensity that may be on its way to eclipsing student discontent over the war in Vietnam ... a national day of observance of environmental problems ... is being planned for next springwhen a nationwide environmental 'teach-in'... coordinated from the office of Senator Gaylord Nelson is planned..."

It was obvious that we were headed for a spectacular success on Earth Day. It was also obvious that grassroots activities had ballooned beyond the capacity of my U.S. Senate office staff to keep up with the telephone calls, paper work, inquiries, etc.

In mid-January, three months before Earth Day, John Gardner, Founder of Common Cause, provided temporary space for a Washington, D.C. headquarters. I staffed the office with college students and selected Denis Hayes as coordinator of activities. Earth Day worked because of the spontaneous response at the grassroots level. We had neither the time nor resources to organize 20 million demonstrators and the thousands of schools and local communities that participated. That was the remarkable thing about Earth Day. It organized itself.

Environmental Review Board (ERB) Meeting

Thursday-April 14, 2011
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Native American Church building - Concho, Okla.
Agenda:
Inroduction
TEPA Program Updates
2011 Tribal Earth Day Activities
Tribal Recycling Ideas
Tribal Energy Efficiency &
Conservation Block Grant Update
For more information call (800) 247-4612 ext. 27656

Camp Sponsorships

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Wellness Diabetes Program will be sponsoring ten children ages 8-12 to attend the Native Youth Preventing Diabetes (NYPD) summer camp.

The dates for the NYPD summer camp are June 13-17, 2011 and the deadline to sign up is **May 13, 2011**. For more information contact Chris Tallbear (405) 422-7679 or by email ctallbear@c-a-tribes.org.

PFC Orion Mills

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PFC Orion Mills is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. with the Bravo Company, 50th Signal Battalion.

He received his Initial Entry Training (IET) at Ft. Jackson, S.C., the Army's largest training camp. Mills graduated on Nov. 6, 2009 then went to Ft. Gordon, Georgia for his Advanced Individual Training (AIT) and completed it in March 2010.

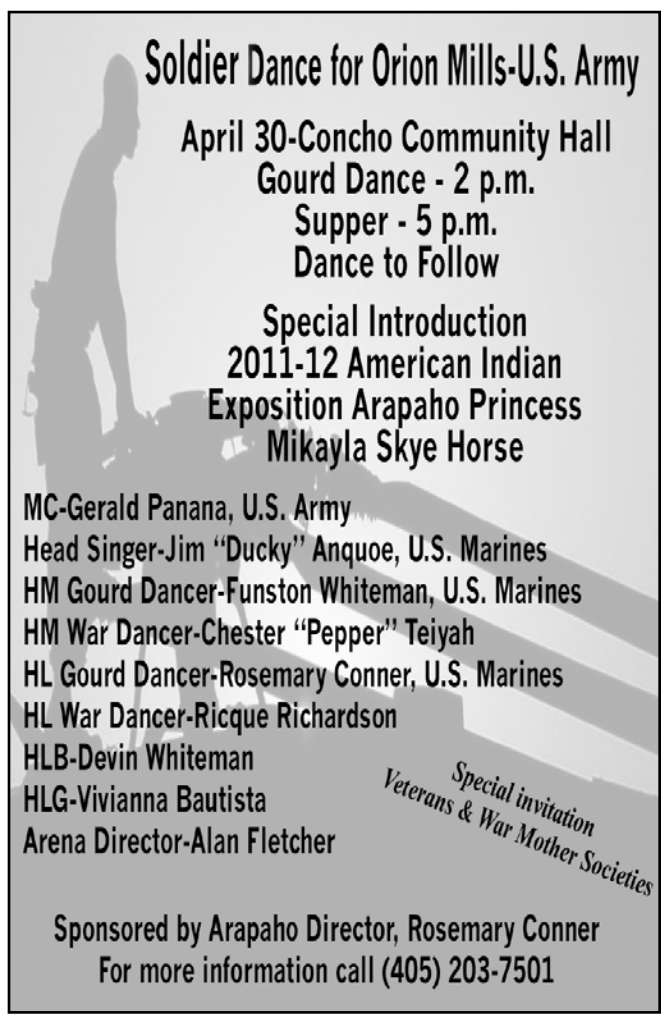
He will be deployed for the first time to Iraq on May 24, 2011. He and his family will be visiting in Oklahoma from April 10-May 10, 2011.

Mills is the son of the late Mary Frances Boyiddle and Kelly Mills, Oklahoma City and the late Don Boyiddle, formerly of Watonga, Okla. and great-grandson of the late Arapaho Chief Willie and Opal (Fletcher) Hail and of the late Rev. Melvin and Mary Ruth (Horse) Boyiddle. Also the late Vestal and Maxine Mills, Oklahoma City.

Mills is also a descendant of hunting horse, former Kiowa Indian scout for the U.S. Army and who is buried at Ft. Sill National Cemetery. He is married to Silvia (Cerecedo) Mills and they have a 3-year-old son, Luciano "Lucky" Mills.

Mills attended Oklahoma City Public schools and graduated from Job Corp in Guthrie Okla. He has two sisters, Bayork Mills and Skyla Naomi Mills of Oklahoma City. His hobbies are reading, playing video games, boxing and working out in the gym. Mill's tribal affiliation is with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and Kiowa tribe of Oklahoma of which he is an enrolled member. His family and acquaintances are proud of him and all the men and women who are serving in the armed services. They are asking you for prayers for all of them.

There will be a Soldier Honor Dance for Mills on Sunday, April 30, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. The Arapaho tribal director of the American Indian Exposition, Anadarko, Okla., Rosemary Conner of Las Cruces, N.M. will announce the selection of the 2011 Arapaho tribal princess Mikala Sky Horse. All 2011 American Indian Expo princesses and their tribal directors are invited to attend this event. The dance will begin at 2 p.m. with gourd dancing, then supper at 5 p.m. Grand entry will be at 7 p.m. and a war dance afterwards.



Powwows & Events CALENDAR

The 18th Birthday Dance for Shelsie White Thunder

April 2, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Dance starts at 3 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. For more information contact Tommy White Thunder at (405) 329-4051 or by email, whitethundershelsie@yahoo.com.

All Nations Tribal powwow

April 2, 2011 at 1100 E. 14th Street in Ada, Okla. For more information contact Jean or Bobby Billey at (580) 332-1983 or by email, couita@wildblue.net.

The ninth annual Native American Language Fair

April 4-5, 2011 at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, Okla. For more information or to download registration forms please visit www.snomnh.ou.edu/languagefair.

Healthy Bites Cooking Class

At 12 noon on April 8, 2011 at the CATI Center located in El Reno, Oklal. This class is sponsored by the Clinton Indian Health Center. For more information call Kristy Purdy at (580) 331-3458.

Benefit Dance for Alicia Belle Doran Reed

April 9, 2011 at Darlington School in El Reno, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 2 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. Cake walk, raffles Tiny Tots contest Junior Girls.

Birthday Dance for Lexa Solis Tanana

Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Custer County Fairgrounds, S. Hwy. 183 in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 2 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. For more information call Gerald Tanana, Sr. at (580) 515-1666.

The fifth annual Oklahoma City University Spring powwow Contest

Sat. April 9, 2011at the campus of Oklahoma City University. For more information email Lindsey Factor, lfactor.stu@my.okcu.edu or Chris Roman Nose, cromannose@okcu.edu.

The 43rd annual Talihina Indian Festival Powwow

April 9, 2011 at the new Talihina gymnasium located at Hwy. 1 & 271 in Talihina, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. Grand entry and contests from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. For more information contact Harry or Carol James at (918) 567-2539.

Mary Webber Memorial Dance

Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Concho Community building in Concho, Okla. Paint ceremony begins at 4 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. For more information call Ernestine Whitebird at (405) 262-4598. Sponsored by Ernestine Whitebird and family.

SouthEastern Native American Council powwow

April 16, 2011 at the Bloomer Sullivan Gymnasium at S.E. State University in Durant, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m. Grand Entry at 7 p.m. For more information call Joshua Riley at (918) 782-7766.

Excellence in Higher Education Celebration

Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Southwest Oklahoma State University Wellness Center in Weatherford, Okla. Gourd dance and specials begin at 1 p.m. Supper at 5:30 p.m. Arts and crafts vendors are welcome. Limited space, for booth reservation call (580) 774-3742.

The 97th annual Spring Contest powwow

Doors open at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla. Presented by the American Indian Student Association at the University of Oklahoma. For powwow information contact Corey Still at (918) 822-4421. For vendor information contact Lindy Waters at (405) 325-1468.

Janice Boswell Honor Dance

April 17, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Adult contest include Women's Fancy Shawl/Jingle, Women's Cloth/Buckskin, Men's Straight/Traditional, Men's Grass/Fancy and Drum contest. Prizes are first place $300, second place $200, third place $100. Drum contest prize $1,000. Vendors welcomed, fee required. For more information call (405) 422-7415.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' second annual Earth Day

April 22, 2011 in Hammon, Okla. April 29, 2011 in Seiling, Okla. For more information contact Ladonna TallBear at (405) 422-7654.

Solider's Honor Dance for Orion Mills

April 30, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Dance at 2 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. For more information call (405) 203-7501.

Rolling Thunder Flame of Freedom and P.O.W./MIA Program hosted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes

Starting at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. All day events include missing man ceremony, dog tag ceremony, candle lighting ceremony and more. For more information contact Francine Worthington at (405) 422-7492.

Graduation Dance for Sheby White Thunder

May 14, 2011 at Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Dance starts at 3 p.m. Supper at 5 p.m. For more information contact Tommy White Thunder at (405) 329-4051 or by email, whitethundershelsie@yahoo.com.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday
Aliah Adair
From all your friends
and teachers at Clinton
HeadStart

Happy Birthday
Arianna Curtis
From all your friends
and teachers at Clinton
HeadStart

Happy Birthday
Austin Reynaga
From all your friends
and teachers at Clinton
HeadStart

Happy Birthday
Zandria Murray
From all your friends
and teachers at Clinton
HeadStart

Happy Birthday
Zaedon Collins
From all your friends
and teachers at Clinton
HeadStart

Happy Birthday
Raul Lozano
From all your friends
and teachers at Clinton
HeadStart

Happy Birthday Kell!!
Love your friends
Lindsey, Michelle and
Crystal!!!

Happy 4th Birthday
Phallyn Vai!!
Mama loves you so much!!
Hope you have a
wonderful day!!!

Happy 5th birthday
Hunter Navanick
April 6
You are such a wonderful
child and we are blessed to
have you as our son
We love you –love mom
and dad.

Happy 6th Birthday to
Michael Haag, you are a
wonderful little boy and
we are so blessed.
Love mommy, daddy,
and Nikota.

Momma, happy birthday!!
We love you so much
words could never express
our appreciation for being
blessed with a mother like
you. You are one of a kind,
no matter what either one of
your daughters go through
you are always there the best
way you know how to be.
You are truly the example of
unconditional love you have
showed us how a mother
should be and we love and
appreciate you for that.
Thank you momma for
always being there for us no
matter the situation.
Love you and wish you the
best birthday.
With all the love in our
hearts, La Renda, Victor, Lil
Vic. Raven, Janell, Kobe,
Khaelyn, Elecia, Maisie,
Leslie, Brandon, Michael,
Jennie, Gary, Christopher,
and Babygirl Whiteman-
Morton (cause Jennie and
Gary cant decide).

The One
The years was forty
The month of August.
It was then I met him,
How well I remember,
blond, handsome, and proud.
Two soldier boys-making
the rounds.
At first sight of the two, it is
he I chose.
Hoping it was so with him.
He was for me then and has
been ever since.
With two lovely daughters,
we were so blessed. What
joy was our R.V.; San
Diego, Alaska, New York,
and Florida Keys.
Sixty-nine years has come
around, twenty-six which
belonged to Uncle Sam.
Through wars and peace we
won the battle by the grace
of our Lord.
Why write these things?
Because I want him to know
it was no passing fancy-I
love him so.
Merle, you will always
be mine- from August,
Nineteen- forty till the end
of time.
It was God who put us
together, to him give thanks.
The Merle you gave was the
world to me.
Ruby

Happy Birthday
Chebon Whitlow
April 4

We love you
bunches!
Grandma Dara, auntie
Kay Kay, and the
Roman Nose's.

Wishhing Smuggss a
Happy Birthday on Mar. 26

Love ya lots
From your bro Henry
Richard (Goodbear) and t
he Richard and
Goodbear families.

To my baby girl Happy 10th
Birthday
We love you so much
Mom, bubba and family

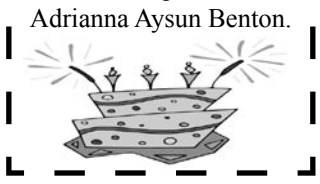
Happy Birrthday
to my other half
Tony K. Reynolds
and
Angie Lime
from Carol and friends!

Javen James Pedro
Happy 8th birthday!!
I am so thankful for you…
you are my little son and my
best friend.
Love, dad.

Loving Memory
Marilyn Loneman
Gone but not forgotten.

A Very Special and Happy
Birthday to Lauren T.
Hamilton turning 10
years old on April 4!!
Lots of love from daddy,
Stephanie, Kynadee, Rylee,
Dylan, Caleb, Kyle,
and Bubbs.

Happy Belated 21st
Birthday
Mar. 24
Alisun Little Coyote
Love you mommy
Your #1 princess
Adrianna Aysun Benton.

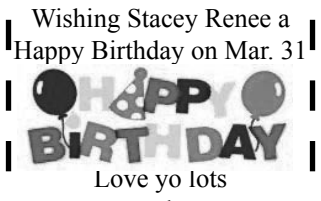


Support Rayne Mackey
for OIN little miss
princess…2011.

Happy late birthday
George H. Whiteshield

We hope your day is
beautiful, you mean the
world to us daddy!
From your girls,
Fern and Georgina
White Shield.

Wishing Stacey Renee a
Happy Birthday on Mar. 31



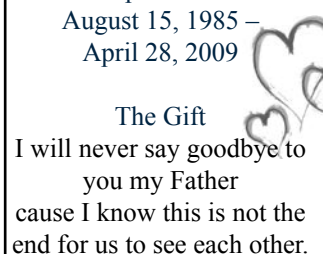
Love yo lots
From your bro Henry
Richard (Goodbear)
And The Richard and
Goodbear family

For all my fellas
Hold it down and keep
your heads up!
I wish you all the best with
success in all you do.
Keep your heads up and
represent to the fullest.
For all my fellas we keep it
100 percent for our family.
In loving memory of
Mr. Ken
We love you and miss you.

Happy 24th Birthday
April 1st!!
Hannah Little
Coyote

Love you with all our
hearts mommy and your
precious baby girls
Cayden Mae and
Cameron Lee.

Happy Belated 12th
Birthday
Mar. 31st
Dominic Chase Washington
Love you with
all our hearts.
Grama's Quoint, Rachel
and Wylma, granpa Cecil,
aunties Hannah, Alisun,
Melin, Chel, Gina and
Crystal, uncles Cato, Allen,
Iz, Donnie, Sonny and
Ches and all your little
brothers and sisters from
"The Little Coyote" family.

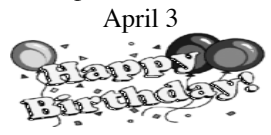


In Loving Memory
Christopher G. Black
August 15, 1985 –
April 28, 2009

The Gift
I will never say goodbye to
you my Father
cause I know this is not the
end for us to see each other.
You will only be going to a
place where there's no pain
nor suffering.
I am happy for you, for you
will be with God.
For now we need to go in
separate ways.
I remember how your arms
hold me and give
me strength.
You were always there to
listen, love, and defend me
in everything.
You were my very
best friend.
In my triumphs you were
always proud.
I'm very grateful and proud
to call you my dad.
Here deep inside my heart
you'll always be.
I would give up everything
I have just to hug you one
more time.
I remember the last time
I hold you're hand and
how you looked at me
in the eyes.
If only I could turn back the
time I would have
never let you go.
I felt the world stop and my
heart stop beating when they
told me you're gone …
How I wish I was
only dreaming.
Just like the rain; tears
fell down from my eyes, I
couldn't speak for a while.
Thank you dad for always
understanding, listening,
caring and loving me for the
rest of your life.
The greatest gift God gave
me was you … my dad…
It's difficult to let you go
but I must…
I must return the gift
God gave me…
Till then;
See you in Heaven……
Love your baby girl

Congratulations Bruce on
32 years of sobriety you
are an inspiration.

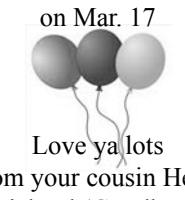
Happt Birthday
April Blackbear
April 3



From your Lucky Star
family in Canton!!
We wish you many more!

Happy Belated 8th
Birthday
Mar. 27
Alyssa Reyzha Danielle
Two Babies
Love you with all
our hearts.
Grama's Quoint, Rachel
and Wylma granpa Cecil
Aunties Chel, Gina, Melin,
Hannah, Alisun and Dawn
uncles Cato, Allen, Iz,
Sonny and Ches and all
your little brothers and
sisters from
"The Little Coyote" family

Wish our cousin Michael
"Maddog" Spottedcorn a
Happy Birthday
on Mar. 17



Love ya lots
From your cousin Henry
Richard (Goodbear)

To the love of my
It is rare to find a person
who not only accepts
you for what you are,
but also makes you
feel good about being
yourself. I want to thank
you for helping me find the
best part of who I am and
for letting me share it with
you. I appreciate your love,
your wisdom, and your
understanding.
I promise to share my
hopes, thoughts, and
dreams with you. I promise
to treasure the wonderful
unique person that you
are. When we are together
nothing seems impossible.
I want to work with you
to continue to
build our life together.
Let us grow our lives
forever intertwined, our love
brining us closer together
let us create a home that
expresses our individuality
and our love for each other.
May it be a home filled with
peace, with happiness and
with love.
Magda Lopez
Tachawwickah I promise to
share with you in times of
joy as in times of troubles.
To talk and listen to honer
and appreciate you.
To provide for and
support you.
In trust and in love.
Your man forever
and a lifetime.
Tahchawwickah, Jimmy

Happy Belated Birthday
Lois Jean Jackson
Love the whole WolfPack and the Jackson Clan.

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag @c-a-tribes.org

Transit Drivers II
On Call-3 Positions
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Must possess or be willing to attend training programs to gain CPR and CDL certifications. Must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and subject to random drug testing. Must maintain a clean driving record and may be required to provide a Motor Vehicle Report (MVR). Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. with no physical barriers. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively both orally and written. Must possess high school diploma, possible completion of a commercial driving training program and defensive driving program. Experience may be an acceptable equivalent.

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R.E.Sp.E.C.T.
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess a high school diploma/GED; AA degree preferred or four years of work experience in related field or its equivalent; must be willing to further education (associates or bachelors degree); must receive and maintain CPR/First Aid Certifications; knowledgeable about the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, communities, traditions, culture and customs; possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's license; TERO applies (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Preference); and must pass a background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Head Start Teaching Positions Available

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start Center in Concho, Okla. is currently accepting applications for teachers, teacher-aides and substitute teachers Please call (405) 422-7635 to receive application.

CHR-Temporary
Seiling, Okla. Area
Closing Date: Until filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Cheyenne or Arapaho tribal member preferred. Have EMT, medical assistant, CMA, or CNA experience. Have current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license and be insurable under the tribe's insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition. Must pass basic CHR training and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Submit program PCC and mileage/maintenance on a weekly basis. Maintain GSA vehicle responsibility. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have minimum of high school diploma or G.E.D. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside of normal working hours as needed. Other duties as assigned.

SALARY: Negotiable

Laborer
Economic Development
Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:

Ability to accept immediate employment. Ability to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. Ability and knowledge to operate light weight equipment. Must be physically fit to withstand various types of manual labor. Prefer knowledge of landscaping- planting flowers and shrubs. Must have stable work history, be dependable and conscientious. Must have knowledge in performing general repair duties. Must have painting experience. Must submit to a background check. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must have current driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Fence Crew/Laborer
Economic Development
Closing Date:Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:

Dependable, physically fit and able to lift a minimum of 75 lbs. or more. Knowledgeable in operating farm equipment. Willing to work until daily tasks are completed. Must be able to work on an on-call basis. High school diploma or GED required and valid Oklahoma driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Caseworker IIM
Social Services
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Prefer bachelors degree in social work or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field and supervisory experience. Work flexible hours and willing to work after normal business hours. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Nutrition Aide
Seasonal
Closing Date:Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of basic food preparation and sanitation. Ability to work independently with little or no supervision. Ability to communicate effectively with clients and community groups. Ability to write effectively and complete reports in a timely manner. Knowledge of basic computer software. Must be over 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or equivalence. Must have a valid state driver's license. Prefer degree in a related field or equivalence of combined health and nutrition experience. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

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Hinóno'eitíít
Arapaho Language
"Word of the Day"
Black: Woo'oteeyoo'
Pronounced:
Wah-aw-dah-yaw

Cheyenne Language
"Word of the Day"
Sunday: Má'xe-ma'heóne éšeëve
Pronounced: iMa khi Mahiyo nii sshii vi
Literal Translation: Big Lord's Day

PUBLIC NOTICE

From the CEDS Strategy Committee and the Planning and Development

30-day public comment period on the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' 2011-2014 Draft-Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Please take notice that on March 17, 2011 the Cheyenne and Arapaho CEDS Strategy Committee and the Planning and Development Office introduced the DRAFT 2011-2014 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Plan for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal jurisdiction. The CEDS Strategy Committee and the Planning and Development Office established a 30 day public comment period pursuant to 13 C.F.R. § 303.7.

The DRAFT CEDS Plan is available for inspection by the public at the Planning & Development Office at the Tribal Administrative Complex at 100 Red Moon Circle, P.O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning & Development Office at 100 Red Moon Circle, P.O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or by email to kgoodbear@c-a-tribes.org or manquoe@c-a-tribes.org, or by fax to: (405) 422-1199.

After the draft CEDS plan 30 day review period ends on April 17, 2011, the CEDS plan will be forwarded to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for consideration.

For additional information please call the Planning and Development Office at (405) 422-7620.

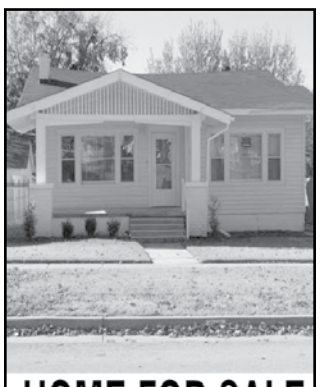
DISCLAIMER: This investment was accomplished by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma through the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Economic Adjustment Program, Investment No. 08-06-04423. The statements, findings, conclusions, recommendations and other data in this report are solely those of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the EDA.

Job Opportunity
Pawnee Nation College

The Pawnee Nation College, a tribal college located on the Pawnee Nation Reserve near Pawnee, Oklahoma, is seeking a visiting full-time faculty member to teach a variety of courses in American Indian Studies, especially in the areas of leadership and management. The appointment will be for one-to-two years, contingent upon funding. The position is funded through a Department of Education grant.

A master's degree in American Indian Studies/Native American Studies, history, anthropology, or related fields as well as knowledge of Pawnee history and culture are preferred. Teaching experience of Indian students at the college level is required. In addition, full-time faculty must have a demonstrated record with concern to: carrying out instructional responsibilities (including developing syllabi and lesson plans) at the higher education level, assessing student work, working with both internal and external organizations, developing a professional dossier that clearly demonstrates advancement and activity, teaching life-skills to students, and serving the College by assisting with extracurricular activities, when necessary. American Indian candidates, especially Pawnees, are strongly encouraged to apply.

All interested applicants should send a letter of interest, which addresses qualifications, teaching experience, level of education, and so on, as well as a current resume or c.v., three writing samples, teaching evaluations, three letters of recommendation, a completed PNC Application for Employment (available online), and copies of all transcripts to: Dr. Todd Fuller, President, Pawnee Nation College, 861 Little Dee Drive, Pawnee, OK 74058. Applications can also be sent by email to: tfuller@pawneenationcollege.org. Application materials are due May 9, 2011. For more information on the college, please visit our website at www.pawneenationcollege.org.



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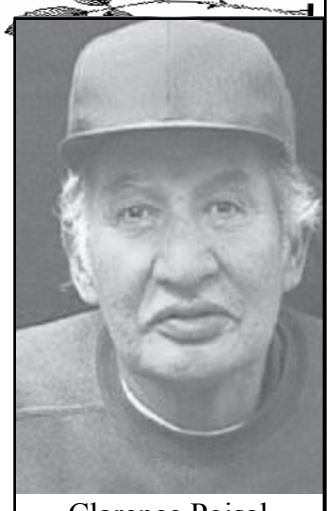
In Memorium

Pearline Thunderbull
April 2, 1939
March 15, 2011
A wake service was held March 20 2011 at the Stanley Lee Chapel in Clinton, Okla. The funeral service was held March 21, 2011 with the burial held at the Clinton Indian Cemetery in Clinton, Okla.

Jordan Lee Soap
April 13, 1992
March 23, 2011
A wake service was held Friday, March 25, 2011 at the Salateeska Indian Baptist Church in Shawnee, Okla. The funeral service was held March 26, 2011 with an interment held at Johnson Cemetery in Shawnee, Okla.

Vivian Delores Madbull
Oct. 24, 1958
March 20, 2011
A wake service was held March 22, 2011 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla.The funeral service was held March 23, 2011 with an interment held at the Concho Cemetery in Concho, Okla.



Clarence Poisal
Sept. 12, 1938
March 9, 2011
A wake service was held March 16, 2011 at the Huber-Benson Funeral Home in El Reno, Okla.The funeral service was held March 17, 2011 with the burial held at the Colony Indian Cemetery in Colony, Okla.

A Stroll through history

Submitted article

Submitted photo

TriO Director Toni Maxwell (r) presents Nevada McCormack (l) with Gordon Yellowman's artwork during a recent field trip.

With spring approaching many of us will venture into the closet, cleaning out those boxes filled with our life's treasures. We have saved pictures and documents that hold the secrets to our families' past, culture and history.

When we come across a picture, which sparks a memory or a question directly related to our identity or a time we may have not seen, many will then realize we are all historians in our own special way … searching for answers.

On March 5, 2011, 21 Upward Bound TRIO (UBT) students took a cultural journey to the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.. They strolled through exhibits gaining knowledge on the history of their collections and the importance of preservation.

The students went on a guided tour of the facility and were served a traditional meal. During lunch students were also provided the opportunity to draw for an authentic piece of artwork donated by Cheyenne Chief and artist, Gordon Yellowman.

Yellowman donated a signed and framed print called *Cheyenne Dog Soldier*. Nevada McCormack, ninth grade student at Etta Dale Jr. High School in El Reno, Okla. was the lucky winner.

Toni Maxwell, UBT director presented McCormack with the print. When McCormack asked Maxwell what the title of the artwork meant Maxwell said, "Verbal explanations will not be given. The artist requested I encourage you to research the history of the dog soldiers and their roles in Cheyenne history."

McCormack smiled and eagerly said,"Okay."

Launched in 1965 after the enactment of the Higher Education Act of 1965, Upward Bound is a federally funded educational program and is one of a cluster of programs referred to as TRIO. The goal of Upward Bound is to provide certain categories of high school with better opportunities for attending college.

The local UB program offices at Redlands Community college serves, Calumet, El Reno, Hinton, Geary, Kingfisher, Minco, Okarche and Union City High Schools.

To learn more about the UB TRiO program please call (405) 422-1250 or visit the Website, www.redlandscc.edu/content/trio-student-support-services.

Submitted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College

CATC CORNER

Ada Hainta, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College junior.

As a two-year public institution of higher education, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College (CATC) was created to be a vibrant place of learning for strong education-minded tribal and non-tribal citizens. With its opening in August 2006, CATC became a hopeful beacon to assist in fulfilling the educational dreams of all tribal citizens, regardless of national affiliation. During its few years of existence and with its leadership, CATC has offered assistance and support to several hundred students pursuing their education.

Ada Hainta, from Carnegie, Okla. is the youngest of three children. She is a first-generation college student and attended Upward Bound before enrolling in college. Upward Bound assisted her in making an adjustment to higher education. Hainta is currently a junior and is pursuing a degree in Tribal Administration. She aspires to be a role model for her nieces and nephews by achieving a college degree. On a personal note, Hainta describes herself as a vibrant individual, "who is always laughing." The following is an interview conducted by Gail Wilcox, CATC Administrative and Admissions Officer.

Wilcox: Would you describe the triggering event for choosing the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College?

Hainta: I met the CATC staff and instantly felt a sense of belonging instead of feeling out of place. Even though I was already a SWOSU student, I felt alone somehow. The economic downturn created confusion and forced me to review my options in an education career. At that point, craving to make a difference, I decided that I wanted to work with and for the tribes. I visited with the CATC staff regarding those very issues and felt the cohesiveness within the office and decided to become a student. Really, that decision changed my life.

Wilcox: What are your goals after receiving your degree?

Hainta: I want to do thousands of different things. I really want to be a teacher some day. The Tribal Administration degree will allow me the opportunity to work while I pursue a degree in education. Sometimes the Forest and Wildlife Management degree gets my attention. If I choose that degree I can teach young people in the National Parks. In the end, my ultimate goal is to mentor and teach young people in a boarding school or some other learning environment.

Wilcox: What is your strongest challenge in coming to college?

Hainta: Being responsible. Once I moved to Weatherford, there was no one available to prompt me to attend class, work, or pay my bills. That adjustment was tough, but now I realize the importance of following-through.

Wilcox: What is your advice to other students?

Hainta: Plan for the future, of course. Attend class regularly. Spend money wisely. Study hard and don't take things for granted. Anytime a good opportunity presents itself, act on it wisely.

Wilcox: What does attending a Tribal College mean to you?

Hainta: It is a great feeling that a Tribal College exists in my community. For a Tribal College to be present means tribal officials had a vision to offer a strong cultural education to Indians. Amazing! Just seeing the Tribal College on campus gives me hope. I firmly believe that education is the only way out for young people.

Wilcox: What other advice or comments would you like to share with existing or potential students?

Hainta: Before I enrolled in the Tribal College, I was on the verge of leaving college. I felt out of place on campus. I was alone even in the midst of 5,000 other students. I was just 30 minutes away from home, but still I felt all alone. The Tribal College offers me support and encouragement that I did not have before. I would encourage all tribes to support the Tribal College so that other Indian students may feel encouraged and supported as I do. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College should be a top priority for funding in order to have a sanctuary for students-a wonderful sanctuary for just CATC students to come together in fellowship, watch television, eat or just hang out. That would be awesome!

Turtle family are teepee makers

The Ray Turtle family have been making desktop size teepees with beautiful paintings on the outside for many years. In the past the father, Ray, has done most of the work but due to poor health he has had to turn the work over to his daughter, Paula Chibitty and his wife, Denise Turtle.

Paula said she cuts the wood and puts the teepees together and her mom, Denise, paints them. Denise is a born artist who paints buffalos, turtles, feathers, people wearing red and blue blankets, peyote meetings (fans, gourds, kettles, and waterbirds), wolves and various artwork on the sides of the teepees in a colorful array of red, turquoise, purple, green and pink, to name a few.

The small teepees are 12 inches high and do not have a light in them. They are sold wholesale and in quantity purchases for $15 each. They sell them at a higher cost to public and when they sell at art shows or bazaars. They also make teepee lamps which are 18 inches high and have the same beautiful designs but with a light in the center of the teepee which looks like a fire burning.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Department of Education has ordered teepees from the family for several years, which have been used as centerpiece decorations for the annual Cheyenne and Arapaho graduation banquet. The teepees are then given to the graduates and honored guests. Denise said that even though her husband, Ray, cannot assist with making the teepees, he still supervises them. Ray's father was the late Murray Turtle. For more information on the teepees or to place an order email Paula at paulachibitty@yahoo.com.

2011 Miss Oklahoma City princesses are announced

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter/Ad Sales

Candidates competed for the 2011 Miss Indian Oklahoma City Princess titles on March 18, 2011 at the Destiny Christian Center in Del City, Okla.

Honored with a grand entry presentation were the 2010 royalty, Miss Indian Princess Sonia Hoffman, Cheyenne, Jr. Miss Princess Dalecia Satepauhoodle, Pawnee, Kiowa and Little Miss Princess Sierra Price, Seminole.

The 2011 incoming Princess Royalty are l-r: Little Miss Princess Rachel Lee Scott, Miss Indian Princess Stephanie Tehauno and Jr. Miss Princess Kaylan Wood.

"Throughout the year, the princesses have served as ambassadors for their respective tribes at various events by performing sign language and dance exhibitions, participating in parades and serving as greeters," Sammy Tonkei White, master of ceremonies said.

As the evening progressed each young lady spoke of their tribal dresses, demonstrated their talent and interviewed with the judges.

The contenders for 2011 Miss Indian Princess title were Devon Frazier, Absentee Shawnee and Stephanie Tehauno, Choctaw.

The winner was 19-year-old Tehauno, a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). She is the daughter of Rodney and Camille Tehauno of Broken Bow, Okla.

"This is an honor and proud moment for me and my family … I will represent my tribe with dignity and pride. Thank you for this opportunity," Tehauno said.

Candidates for the 2011 Jr. Miss Princess were Lindsey Harjo, Seminole, Joli Herrera, Wichita, Breanna Kihega, Otoe Missouri, Calista Reed, Cheyenne, Alexis Tanyan, Iowa and Kaylan Wood, Sac and Fox.

The winner was 14-year-old Kaylan Wood, eighth grade student at Shawnee Public Middle School. She is the daughter of Corinne Scott and Eric Wood.

"Thank you for choosing me … it is an honor to carry the Jr. Miss title, I will carry myself in a respectable manner and be a role model to young girls," Wood said.

The 2011 little Miss Princess contestants were Sydney Anderson Cullun, Choctaw and Rachel Lee Scott, Chickasaw.

The winner was 7-year-old Rachel Lee Scott, Chickasaw, a first grader at the Little Axe Elementary School. She is the daughter of Brice and Sydney Scott.

"I will be a good role model and do my best, thank you," Scott said as she accepted the crown for little Miss Indian.

Changing Winds Cultural Society (CWSC) sponsored the competition and performances.

"We are a non-profit organization made up of volunteers who devote our time, talent and money to support our youth," Shirley Wapskineh, CWSC, director said.

Wapskineh said young girls ages 6-21 who want to compete for the 2012 titles can visit their Website at www.missindianokc.org for information about the requirements and fill out the application.

Photos by Rebecka Lyman

The 2010 outgoing Princess Royalty are from l-r: Sonia Hoffman, Dalecia Satepauhoodle and Sierra Price.